



NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, D/B/A XCEL ENERGY, INC.

ND PSC Case#: PU-15-174

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE – COURTENAY WIND FARM

DATE: 4/20/2017

Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel Energy) provides the following update to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) on construction activity at the Courtenay Wind Farm. Wanzek Construction, Inc. (Wanzek) is the general contractor. Vestas American Wind Technology, Inc. (Vestas) is the Turbine Supplier. The construction management team from Wanzek is on-site and engaged in construction management. All Transmission Line work is now complete. All Collection cable plowing is now complete. All Turbine Component deliveries are now complete. Erection is complete. Circuit energization is complete. All 100 Turbines have been energized and the Commercial Operation Date was signed on December 1, 2016. Wanzek is working to finish spring work. Spring work includes blading county, township, and wind farm roads, light touch up work, reclaim and cleanup, fence repair, and seeding. Seeding is planned to begin on May 1st and continue until May 12th. SWPPP will be maintained by Wanzek throughout this process after which Xcel Energy will take ownership until Notice of Termination. Wanzek met with a representative from the State of North Dakota and received verbal approval for the access road approaches on Highway 9. Written signoff will be received in the coming weeks.